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So, again, we the people get the shaft while Microsoft retains the rights to the gold mine of unfair competition in the marketplace. We who struggle with the "built in" software additions we do not want in favor of better or easier to use versions, because Microsoft has made them an required part of the Windows operating system. Now with the release of XP, unhampered by any intervention, we see more of the same intrusive nature of the company. This program requires you to register within 30 days of installation or it ceases to function. The bad part is, it does a complete inventory of your computer and reports all this back to Microsoft at the time it registers. My question is why? Why does Microsoft need to know everything I have on my computer? The company continues to move ahead, now the you the Department of Justice have watered down the only chance that was open to do something for the consumers in our nation. I do not advocate taking Microsoft down. I do advocate forcing them to a level playing field when it comes to software and compatibility. Microsoft has promised for years to have all the bugs out of its operating system. It has yet to happen. But due to the pressure it exerts on the market, it continues to dominate, pushing out the possibility that others might have an equitable share, and present what might actually be a better alternative. Microsoft doesn't always have the best ideas or the best way to do things, but without restraint, it matters little as they will impose their ideas on us all.

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